GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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IMPORTS FROM CHINA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a)whether various items including Bus and truck tyres are being imported from China despite dumping duty during each of the last three years and the current year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor:

(c) the difference in prices of these items in India and China;

(d) whether the Government proposes to discontinue the import of these items if the price differences are comparatively not very high between both the countries;and

(e) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) Yes ,Sir.

(b) The purpose of anti-dumping duty is to ensure fair trade and not to restrict imports.Hence,imports can continue to take place on payment of applicable Customs Duty including the anti-dumping duty which would grant protection against dumped imports to domestic industry including tyre manufacturers.

(c) In absence of information on prices prevailing in China,it is not possible to ascertain the difference in prices.

(d) & (e) There is no proposal for restriction on imports under these categories on account of price differences.